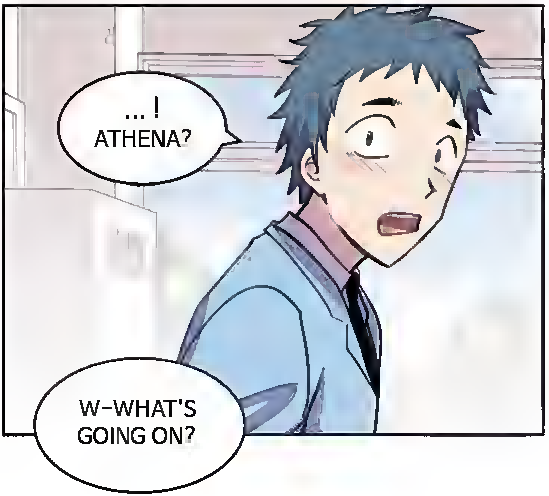
YOUR FACE IS RED ARE YOU OKAY?


... !
ATHENA?
W-WHAT'S
GOING ON?

YOUR ASSISTANT TOLD ME THAT YOU'RE SICK AND WILL BE ABSENT...
OHH, I WASN'T THAT SICK SO I CAME TO AT LEAST TAKE AFTERNOON CLASSES
SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU BEFOREHAND

FLINCH
BUT WHAT IS THAT ON THE FLOOR?
LOOKS LIKE A TRASH. SHOULD I THROW IT AWAY?
HUH? T-THAT? NO, THAT'S NOT TRASH IT'S-

PLEASE KEEP
IT A SECRET~♥
...
OH...

AHAHAHA! YES, TRASH! I DROPPED IT BY MISTAKE
WHAT WOULD YOU EXPECT FROM ME?
DON'T MIND IT, ATHENA I'LL PICK IT UP!
SLIP

GWAHHH...!?
!

GR
AB
REALLY,
YOU ARE QUITE
STUBBORN

WHEN YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU WOULD ..
I TOLD YOU, I'D DO IT

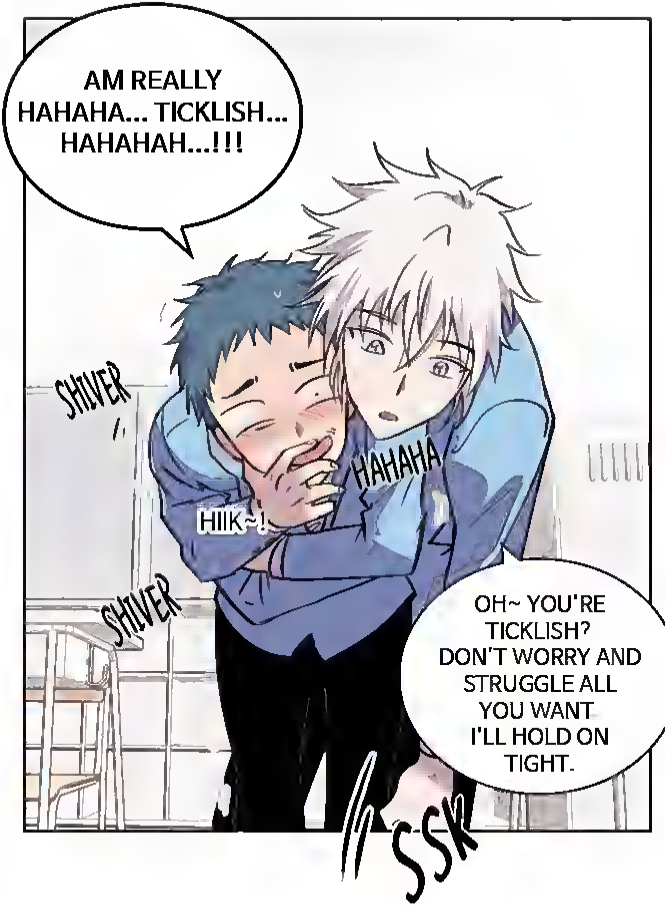
STAY LIKE THIS
FOR A BIT.

SUDDENLY RAISING YOUR BODY WHEN YOU WERE FALLING
MIGHT STARTLE YOUR MUSCLES

I'LL PICK IT UP.
WH
EW

H-HOLD ON, ATHENA
HM?
BLUSH
PLEASE..

PLEASE DON'T BE TOO CLOSE
I...


AM REALLY HAHAHA... TICKLISH... HAHAHAH...!!!
SHIVER
HAHAHA
HIIK~!
SHIVER
OH~ YOU'RE TICKLISH? DON'T WORRY AND STRUGGLE ALL YOU WANT I'LL HOLD ON TIGHT.
SSK

BUT THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE TRASH. IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S NOTE.
RUSTLE
IT'LL BE BAD IF WE THROW IT AWAY BY MISTAKE WE SHOULD CHECK.
TURN!
WHAT?

ATHENA COMPLEX

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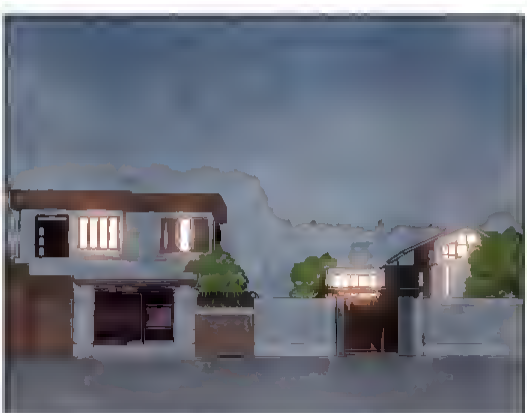
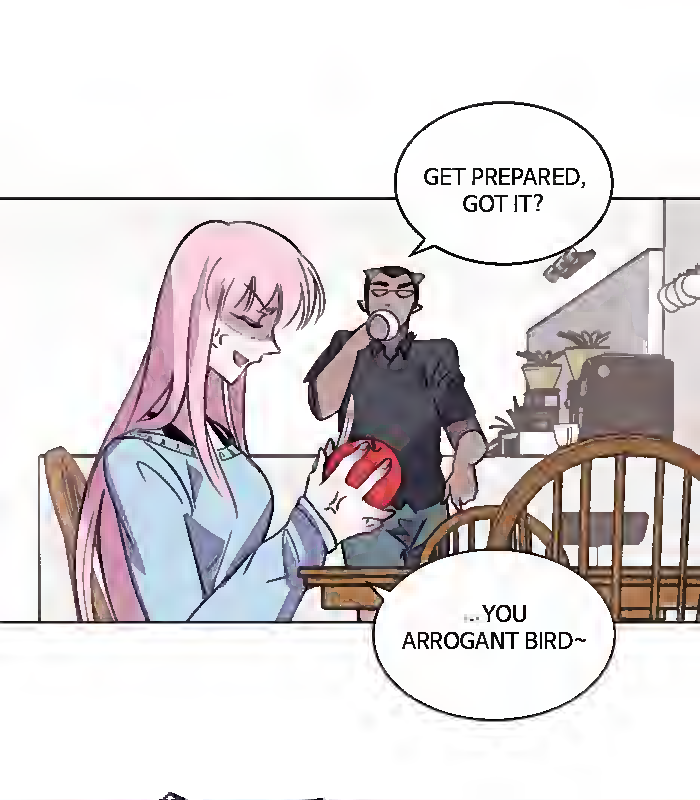


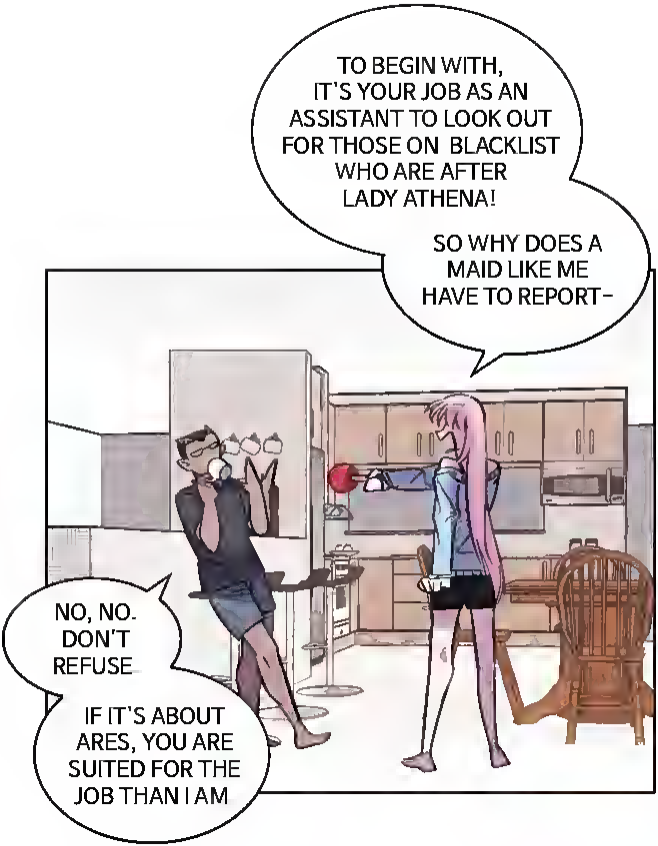
I'M REALLY SAYING THIS FOR THE LAST TIME-
PEEL
PEEL
THE LATER YOU TELL HER, THE MORE TROUBLESOME IT GETS

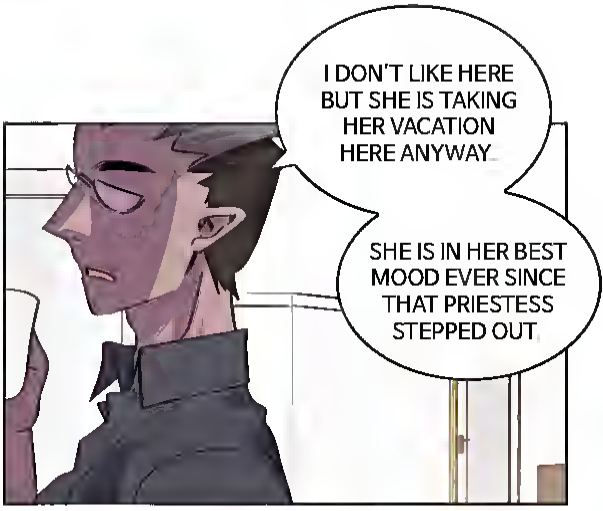
IF YOU DELAY IT FOR A DAY OR TWO, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL HER FOREVER.
SO, TELL HER NICELY IF SHE FEELS FINE TONIGHT.


GET PREPARED, GOT IT?
...YOU ARROGANT BIRD~

ARE YOU ACTUALLY A PARROT, NOT AN OWL?

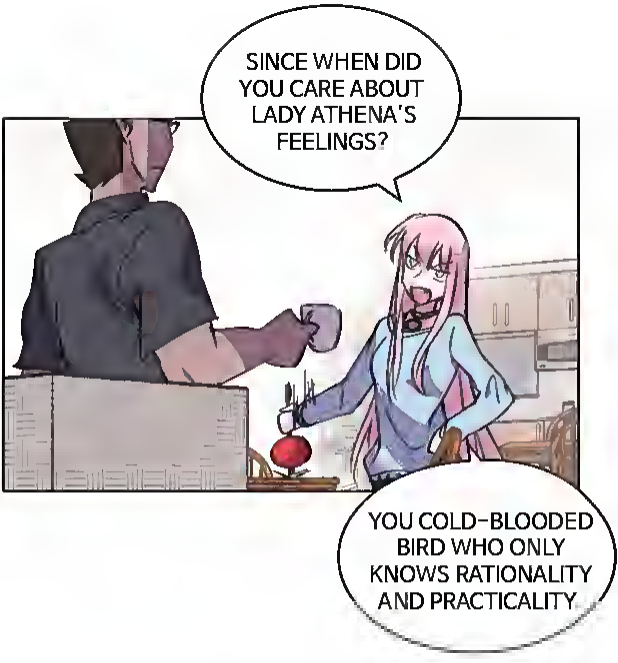
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU SAYING THAT SAME THING?


TO BEGIN WITH, IT'S YOUR JOB AS AN ASSISTANT TO LOOK OUT FOR THOSE ON BLACKLIST WHO ARE AFTER LADY ATHENA!
SO WHY DOES A MAID LIKE ME HAVE TO REPORT-
NO, NO. DON'T REFUSE
IF IT'S ABOUT ARES, YOU ARE SUITED FOR THE JOB THAN I AM


I DON'T LIKE HERE BUT SHE IS TAKING HER VACATION HERE ANYWAY..
SHE IS IN HER BEST MOOD EVER SINCE THAT PRIESTESS STEPPED OUT.

THIS NEWS POURS SHIT ON THAT MOOD.
I CAN'T TALK NICELY, SO

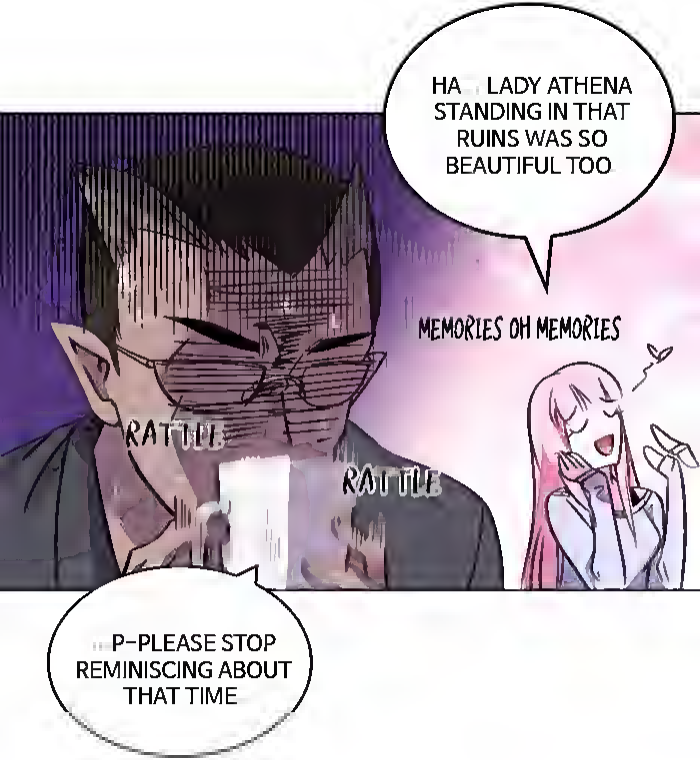
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO NICELY TELL HER ABOUT IT AT LEAST A BIT?
TAP
TAP
TAP TAP
HMPH. YOU ARE TOO GOOD AT TALKING!


SINCE WHEN DID YOU CARE ABOUT LADY ATHENA'S FEELINGS?
YOU COLD-BLOODED BIRD WHO ONLY KNOWS RATIONALITY AND PRACTICALITY

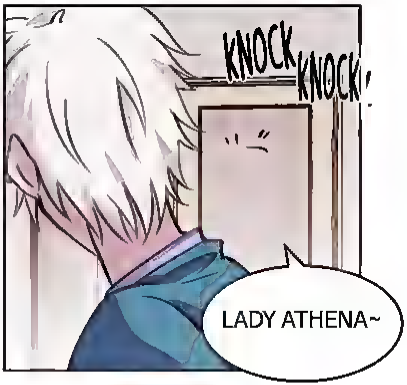
BE HONEST.
YOU'RE JUST SCARED, AREN'T YOU?
HA!
TELLING LADY ATHENA THAT THE STALKER BASTARD IS BACK.
FLINCH

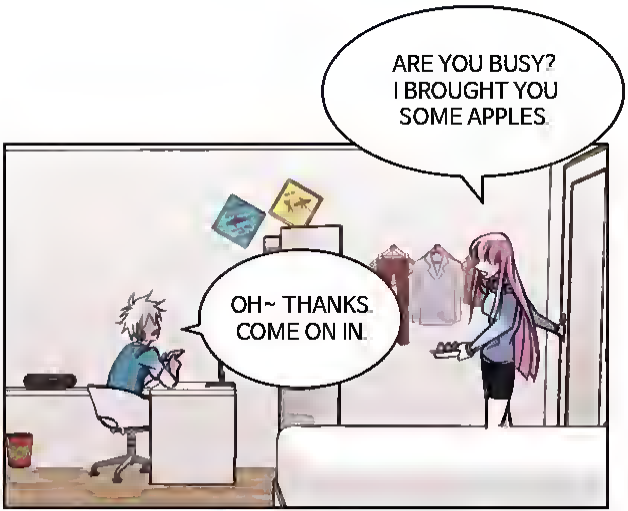
W-WHO SAID THAT I'M SCARED?!
WELL, NO WONDER YOU ARE SCARED.
YOU ALWAYS HAD TO TAKE CARE OF AFTERMATH EVERY TIME ARES AND LADY ATHENA CLASHED.

HAS IT BEEN THREE CENTURIES SINCE THE LAST TIME SHE FOUGHT THAT NASTY STALKER?
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, A CITY WAS BLOWN AWAY SO EASILY THAT DAY


HA LADY ATHENA STANDING IN THAT RUINS WAS SO BEAUTIFUL TOO
MEMORIES OH MEMORIES
RATTLE
RATTLE
...P-PLEASE STOP REMINISCING ABOUT THAT TIME

AND IT WAS TWO CITIES THAT GOT BLOWN OFF, NOT ONE.
ANYWAY, STEP ASIDE YOU USELESS CHICKEN.
I'LL TELL HER IN PLACE OF USELESS YOU.

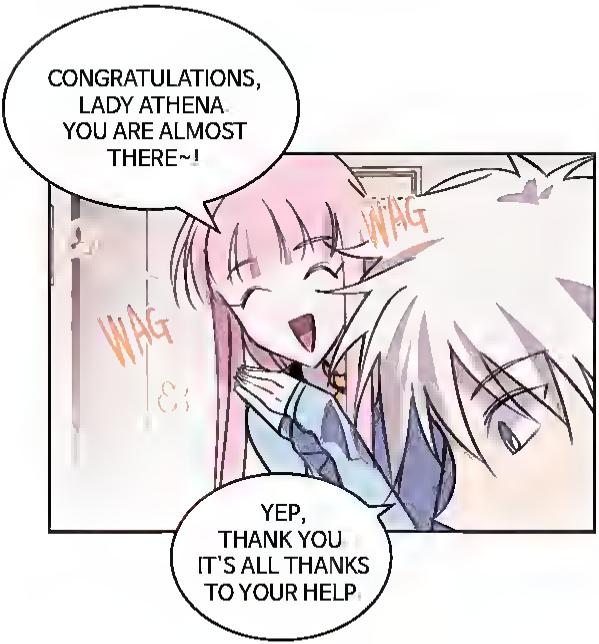

KNOCK KNOCK!
LADY ATHENA~

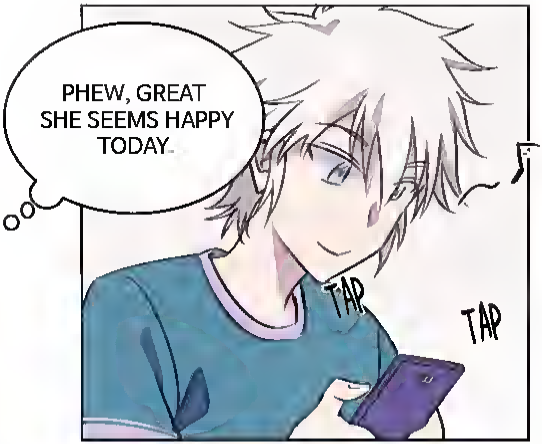

ARE YOU BUSY? I BROUGHT YOU SOME APPLES.
OH~ THANKS. COME ON IN.

LET ME JUST SEND THIS AND EAT IT TOGETHER.
OH? ISN'T THAT...

THE TOY THAT OWL GAVE YOU BEFORE?
YEP, THIS IS CALLED SMART PHONE AND MADE BY HUMAN
WHEN YOU EXCHANGE UNIQUE NUMBERS YOU CAN TALK FROM FARAWAY

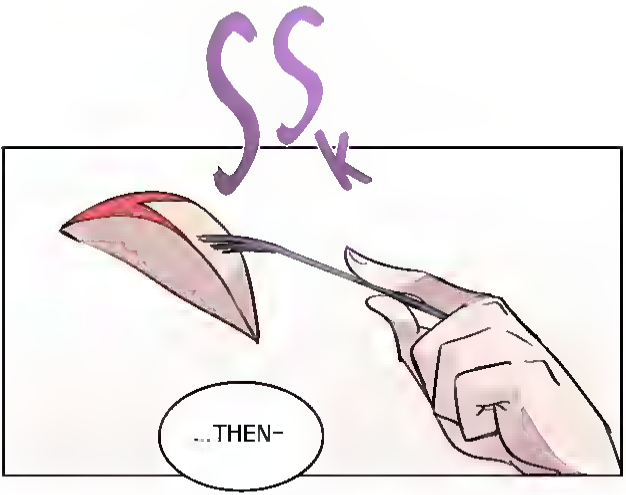
OH~ THAT'S INTERESTING. I CAN'T FEEL MAGIC FROM IT.
HAHA, OF COURSE SINCE IT'S A MACHINE, NOT A MAGIC.
I WAS SENDING ADRIAN SOMETHING WITH THIS.
WOW, SO NOW YOU ARE ON THE LEVEL OF TALKING ONE-ON-ONE TO ADRIAN!


CONGRATULATIONS, LADY ATHENA. YOU ARE ALMOST THERE~!
WAG
WAG
YEP, THANK YOU. IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOUR HELP.


PHEW, GREAT
SHE SEEMS HAPPY
TODAY.
TAP
TAP

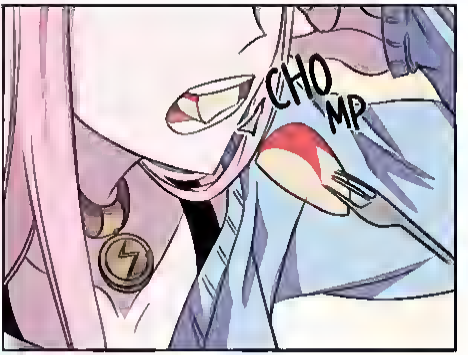
IF I LET
IT SLIP
IN A BIT,
SHE WOULD
SKIP IT SAYING
"IT'S ANNOYING
BUT I CAN'T
HELP IT."
OH, RIGHT.

IT'S A BIT SUDDEN, BUT I HAVE SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU....
IS IT OKAY? IT'S A BIT PRIVATE
OF COURSE! ANYTHING LADY ATHENA ASKS IS FINE WITH ME


SSK
...THEN-

HAVE SOMEONE

YOU LIKE?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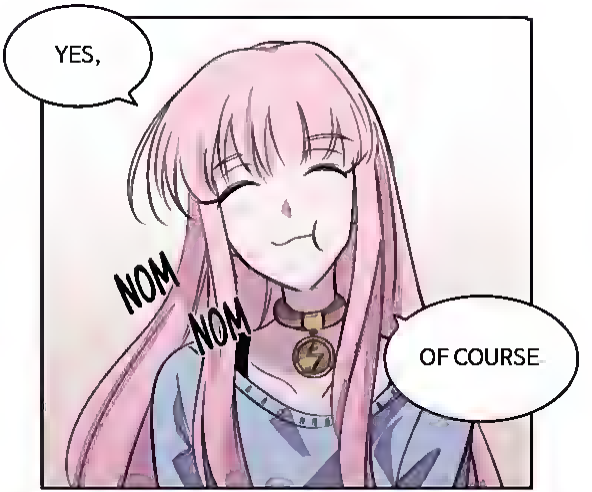
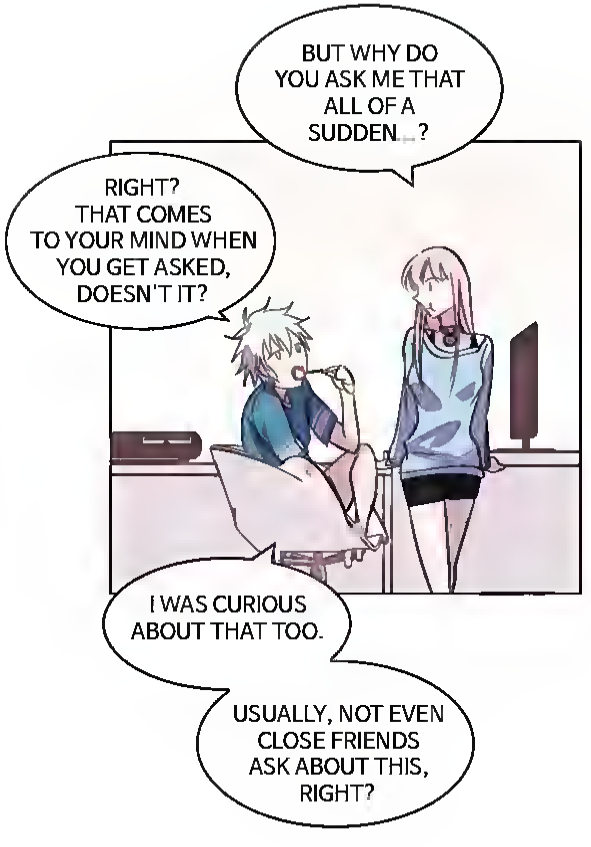
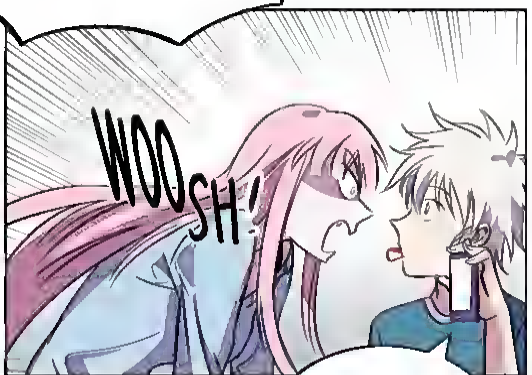

YES,
NOM
NOM
OF COURSE


BUT WHY DO YOU ASK ME THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
RIGHT? THAT COMES TO YOUR MIND WHEN YOU GET ASKED, DOESN'T IT?
I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT THAT TOO.
USUALLY, NOT EVEN CLOSE FRIENDS ASK ABOUT THIS, RIGHT?

ESPECIALLY
BETWEEN GUYS
WHO HAVE ONLY KNOWN
EACH OTHER FOR
TWO WEEKS.

...!
WHAT?
GULP
IS THIS ABOUT ADRIAN?

DID THAT TWERP ASK LADY ATHENA THAT?!



YEAH, AND THAT'S NOT THE END OF IT.

HOBBIES, FAVORITE FOODS, SHOES SIZE, ETC.

HE MADE A LIST OF THINGS HE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT ME.

HE TRIED TO HIDE IT BUT I READ IT BY CHANCE. THEN HE PANICKED A LOT.

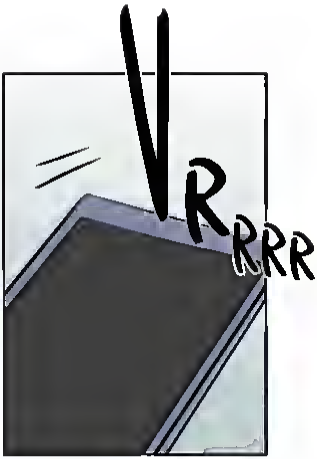
HIS FACE TURNED AS RED AS AN APPLE.

..OMG

FROM WHAT YOU SAY, THIS SEEMS LIKE THAT.
HMM... WE CAN'T BE SURE, BUT...

THE CIRCUMSTANCES SEEM LIKE IT, RIGHT. ?
LOOKS LIKE

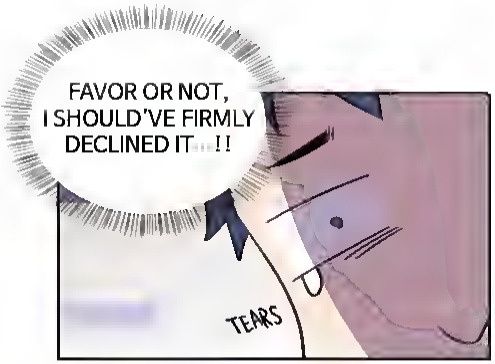
ADRIAN LIKES ME.


VRRRRR

VRRRR

DAZE~
HAAAAAAAAA~~……
THIS IS DRIVING ME CRAZY.

I'M TOO WORRIED ABOUT TOMORROW, I CAN'T SLEEP.
HOW DID I GET INVOLVED IN THIS?


FAVOR OR NOT, I SHOULD'VE FIRMLY DECLINED IT...!!
TEARS

....
HEY, ADRIAN.

WHAT IS-...
D-DON'T MISUNDERSTAND, ATHENA.
SWEAT
SWEAT
IT'S NOTHING STRANGE.
WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF IT SEEMS STRANGE, BUT...

I JUST WANTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU!
DAMN, WHAT THE HECK!

...!
ABOUT ME?
Y-YES.

WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT YOU.
NOTHING EXCEPT THAT YOU ARE CURSED JUST LIKE ME...

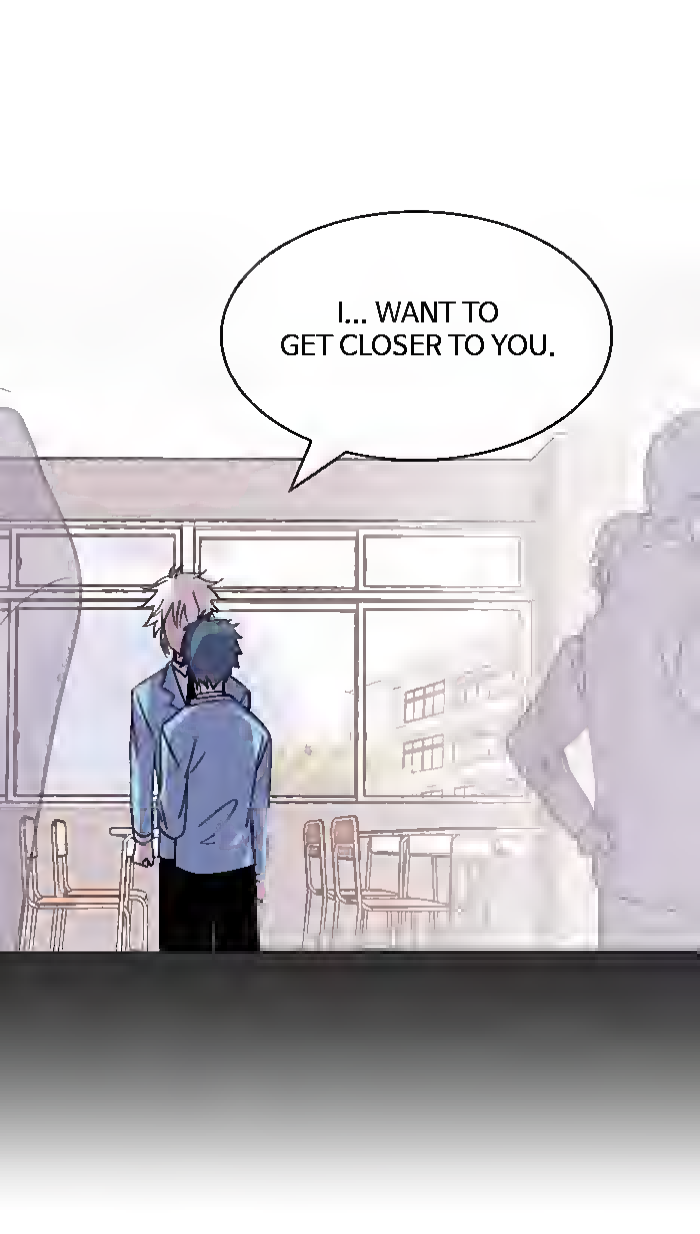
I LEARNED THAT YOU ARE FROM A RICH FAMILY JUST TODAY

THIS IS WEIRD, YOU KNOW...
YOU LIVE RIGHT NEXT DOOR
AND WE ALWAYS STAY TOGETHER AT SCHOOL, AND YET....

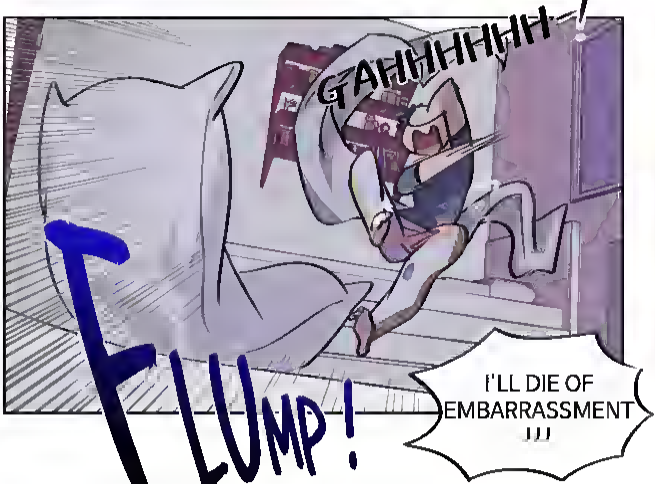
IF WE'RE REAL FRIENDS, I CAN'T JUST ACCEPT KINDNESS...
SSK...

JUST LIKE HOW YOU ARE PROTECTING ME FROM MY CURSE,
I WANT TO BE OF HELP TO YOU.

OF COURSE, I'M NOT AS PERFECT OR LUCKY AS YOU, BUT
I CAN STILL TRY


I... WANT TO
GET CLOSER TO YOU.

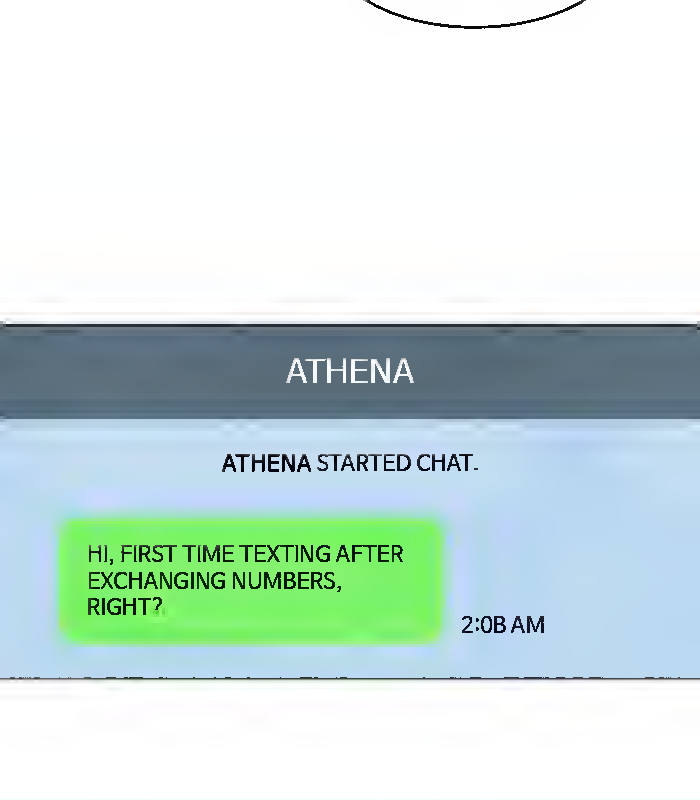
GAHHHH!!
SO EMBARRASSING!!!

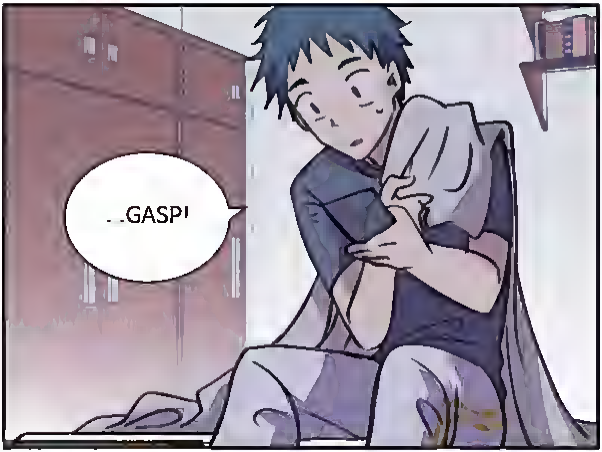


I DON'T... WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL TOMORROW...
DEPRESSED...
I HOPE I GET SICK
NO, MAYBE I WAS ALREADY SICK SO I COULD SAY THAT KIND OF EMBARRASSING THING

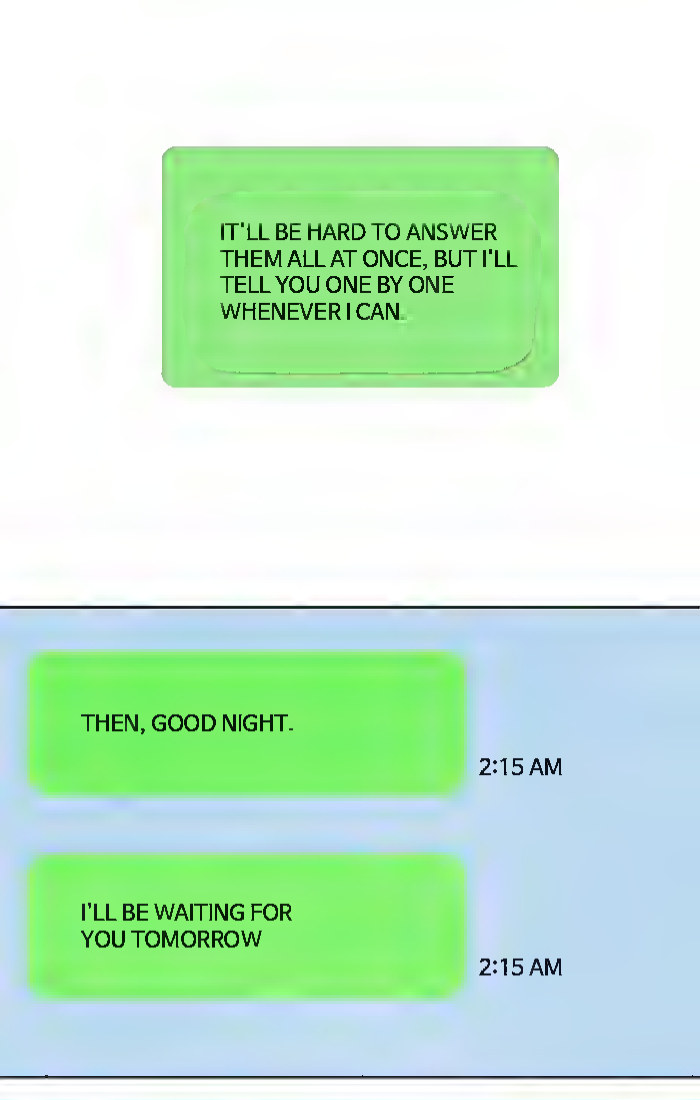
OR MAYBE MY BRAIN STOPPED FROM PANICKING TOO MUCH...
V-RRR
...TEXT?

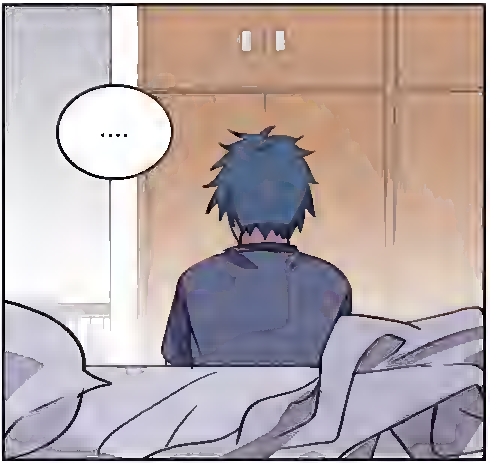
I DON'T HAVE ANYONE WHO WOULD TEXT ME EXCEPT SIBYL.
DID SHE ALREADY CALM DOWN?
SSK
WHAT IS IT? THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D FORGIVE ME THIS QUICK

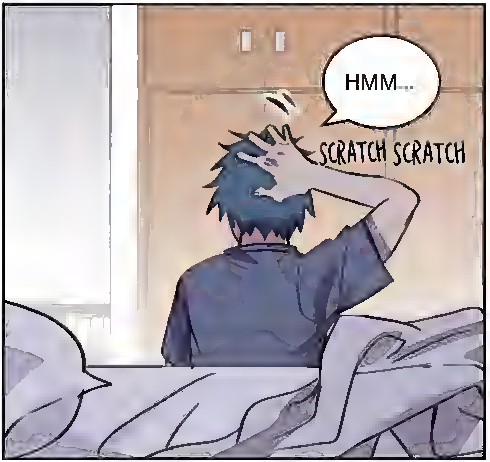

ATHENA
ATHENA STARTED CHAT.
HI, FIRST TIME TEXTING AFTER EXCHANGING NUMBERS, RIGHT?
2:0B AM


..GASP!

ATHENA WAS THE ONE WHO SENT IT?!
FOR SOME REASON, SEATING POLITELY~〉
JUMP
I FINISHED READING THE QUESTIONS.
LOTS OF INTERESTING QUESTIONS. LOL


IT'LL BE HARD TO ANSWER THEM ALL AT ONCE, BUT I'LL TELL YOU ONE BY ONE WHENEVER I CAN.
THEN, GOOD NIGHT.
2:15 AM
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU TOMORROW
2:15 AM




HMM...
SCRATCH SCRATCH

I SHOULD SLEEP NOW
SO I WON'T BE LATE
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